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Delta Independent Science Board Report

Summary: Dr. Richard Norgaard will report on the Delta Independent Science Board's March 8-9 public meeting.

<u>Delta Independent Science Board – (Delta ISB)</u>

Dr. Norgaard will brief the Council on the Delta ISB's recent public meeting, held on March 8-9, 2012. Discussion items included:

- A report from the State Water Resources Control Board on the South Delta salinity and San Joaquin River flow objectives, as well as other water quality objectives including Delta outflow.
- A presentation on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) alternatives and the Effects Analysis.
- Preparation of a charge for the Board's review of the BDCP Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).
- Approval of two draft memos prepared by various Board members: a) to legislators explaining the need for stable funding for the Delta Science Program, and b) to the Delta Stewardship Council presenting key findings from the Delta ISB meetings of October 20-21 and December 1-2.
- An introduction to the new Lead Scientist, Dr. Peter Goodwin.

The Delta ISB meeting notices and materials are posted online at: http://www.deltacouncil.ca.gov/science-board/isb-meetings.

List of Attachments

Attachment 1: Memo—Draft: The Delta Science Program requires stable funding, March 8, 2012

Attachment 2: Memo—Draft: Key Issues for Delta Science: A Report of the Delta Independent Science Board, March 8, 2012

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